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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 27, 1999

Mr. STARK (for himself, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mrs. THURMAN, and Mr. BECERRA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a study on mortality and adverse outcome rates of Medicare patients of providers of anesthesia services, and for other purposes.

1        *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4        This Act may be cited as the “Anesthesia Outcomes  
5        Study Act of 1999”.



1 **SEC. 2. ANESTHESIA OUTCOME STUDY.**

2       (a) STUDY.—(1) The Secretary of Health and  
3 Human Services shall conduct a study of mortality and  
4 adverse outcome rates of Medicare patients by providers  
5 of anesthesia services. In conducting the study, the Sec-  
6 retary shall analyze the impact of physician supervision  
7 of providers of anesthesia services, or lack thereof, on such  
8 mortality and adverse outcome rates.

9       (2) In conducting the study, the Secretary shall con-  
10 sult with appropriate national professional organizations  
11 with respect to the methodology of the study, and shall  
12 use Medicare operating room anesthesia data, adjusted for  
13 patient acuity and other relevant scientific variables.

14       (b) REPORT.—Not later than June 30, 2000, the  
15 Secretary shall submit to Congress a report containing the  
16 results of the study conducted under subsection (a).

17       (c) CONSIDERATION OF REPORT IN RULEMAKING.—  
18 The Secretary shall consider the results of such study  
19 when determining if any modification or change to the ex-  
20 isting Medicare regulations in effect on January 1, 1999,  
21 dealing with physician supervision of anesthesia services  
22 may be appropriate.

